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The Newsletter for Marshall University

October 23, 2019

NASA engineers Bob Lang, Gary Ray to serve as Homecoming co-grand marshals



Bob Lang (left) and Gary Ray will serve as co-grand marshals for Marshall's 2019 Homecoming set for Saturday, Oct. 26.

Lang and Ray are retired NASA engineers who have both enjoyed distinguished careers in the field, heading up major programs from the Apollo missions to the space shuttle program. They will serve in the role at the annual Homecoming Parade

and several activities throughout the week.

They will head a space-themed Homecoming, *Marshall and Beyond*, celebrating the past, present and future of Marshall University. The theme will also accompany dozens of activities throughout the week including the annual parade, bonfire, Picnic on the Plaza, Homecoming Stampede 5K, Alumni Tailgate, Herd Madness and much more.

As the nation recently celebrated the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing, the university is excited to bring back two exceptional Sons of Marshall who helped shape the exploration of our solar system with the design and oversight of the very machines that would take astronauts into the great unknown.

"We are so very excited to welcome Gary and Bob back to campus to serve as Grand Marshals for all of our Homecoming week festivities," said Matt Hayes, Executive Director of Alumni Relations. "These two incredible individuals have achieved amazing feats during their illustrious careers while

representing Marshall University as tremendous ambassadors. We couldn't think of two more fitting individuals to represent our university during this historic Homecoming as we celebrate the upward trajectory of Marshall. We encourage everyone visiting campus during Homecoming to take the time to meet these two outstanding Sons of Marshall."

Lang began his aerospace career right after graduation from Marshall University in 1967 where he became the NASA lead engineer for the Lunar Module Environmental Control System following the completion of the lunar program. He would then support the Skylab program during the early design phases of the space shuttle.

He later went on to spearhead many projects surrounding the Space Shuttle program, including becoming director of safety and reliability at the Kennedy Space Center following the Space Shuttle Challenger accident. In 1990, Lang became director of shuttle vehicle engineering and the chief NASA engineer at the Kennedy Space Center, overseeing the engineering management and direction of integration and maintenance for all space shuttle operations for 42 shuttle flights.

Lang retired from NASA in 1996 after 29 years of government service to work with the United Space Alliance where he continued to support the shuttle program until his final retirement in 2011. During his tenure, Lang received two Exceptional Service Medals, an Outstanding Leadership Medal and the Presidential rank of Meritorious Executive in the Senior Executive Service from NASA. Lang also received the Marshall University Alumni Association's highest honor, the Distinguished Alumnus Award, in 2018.

"For someone who does not like attention drawn to himself, I am incredibly humbled and honored to have been chosen to be a co-Grand Marshal for the 2019 Marshall University Homecoming celebration," Lang said. "I have always been proud to wave the Marshall green and will do so with great honor and humility. I am so very proud to have graduated from Marshall fully prepared for an exciting career with NASA. I was able to work the lunar landings of the Apollo program through to the final Space Shuttle flight in 2011.

"I look forward to a fun-filled week of events and spending time with old friends I haven't seen in a long time. Go Herd!"

Wayne County native Gary Ray began his illustrious career with an engineering degree from Marshall University. Soon after, Ray relocated to Florida, beginning his NASA career at the John F. Kennedy Space Center in

the late 70s as a propulsion engineer on Project Apollo. His work on this critical system between 1968 and 1974 played an essential role in landing 12 astronauts on the moon, helping another 15 orbit the moon, and launching the first American space station, Skylab.

As the Apollo program came to an end, NASA began converting facilities – and people – to prepare for the brand new Space Shuttle program, of which Ray was an important cog in the wheel. As the lead project engineer, Ray was responsible for the design and modifications to the launch pads, assembly and processing buildings, and helped launch 135 space shuttle missions between 1981 and 2011. For his service, Ray received two NASA Exceptional Medals, the NASA Exceptional Achievement Medal and the National Space Club Lifetime Achievement Award. Ray retired from NASA in 2012. Ray was also recognized by Marshall University's College of Information, Technology and Engineering in 2018 with their prestigious Award of Distinction.

“My wife and I are from the Huntington area. When we make our visits to the area, we call it coming home. While here, we get to visit friends and family, take in our favorite sites and usually walk the Marshall campus. But this ‘coming home’ will have a level of excitement that will be beyond belief,” Ray said. “It is hard to imagine that I will have an integral part as a co-grand marshal of one of the school’s biggest annual events. To be a part of these wonderful events will rank right up there as one of the most memorable events that I have ever been a part of. I am looking so forward to returning to campus to see some faculty, staff and fellow alumni. I cannot wait!”

As part of the Homecoming festivities held on the Marshall University campus each fall, the grand marshals have the special honor of leading the parade as it travels from downtown Huntington through the campus. The parade will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 24.

Lang and Ray will also participate in other major events on and around the Huntington campus, including weeklong campus and student events, the Homecoming parade, alumni events and the Homecoming football game against Western Kentucky University on Saturday, Oct. 26, at 2:30 p.m. The university will also be making a historic announcement during the first half of the Homecoming game to culminate what is already shaping up to be one of the biggest Homecoming celebrations in Marshall history.

More information on this year's Homecoming events can be found at www.herdalum.com/homecoming19.



SNACK CHATS

with Libraries and Online Learning

1 p.m., Wednesday, October 23
South Charleston Campus Library

Refreshments
will be provided.

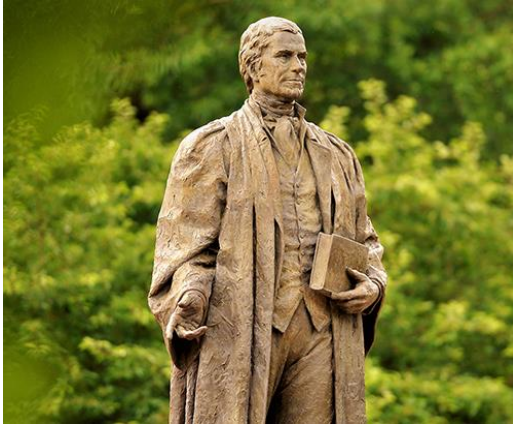
This month's drop-in workshop covers **Copyright Do's and Don'ts**

- Keep up with current litigation that changes how we handle copyrighted material
- Be aware of what you can and can't put in your own material

Monthly snack chat events are open to faculty, staff and students.
Additional events are scheduled for October 15 and November 12.



Reminder: Media relations guidelines for faculty, staff



The Office of University Communications serves as the university's official communication link to local, regional, national media and international media. In many instances, the University Communications staff members serve as official university spokespersons.

The communications staff also works actively with faculty when media outlets are looking for experts to comment on trending news. Faculty members are encouraged to work in coordination with University Communications when contacted by media. This ensures consistent messaging and brand compliance.

Faculty are also encouraged to contact University Communications to share their research, service and teaching for publication. Please visit www.marshall.edu/ucomm/ for additional communications and marketing information for the university.

Media relations for the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine is handled by [Sheanna Spence](#) and [Jason Corriher](#) handles media for Athletics.





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THE NUTS AND BOLTS OF TREATING OPIOID USE DISORDER

Thursday, October 24th | 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. | Drinko Library 402

This workshop is geared toward nurse practitioners and physician assistants who would like to work with individuals with opioid use disorder, but would like more support.

OFFICE-BASED ADDICTION TREATMENT: THE ESSENTIALS

Friday, October 25th | 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 | Drinko Library 402

This workshop is geared toward any health care professional who would like more information on opioid use disorders and would like to become more involved.

Hosted by Nurse Practitioners Kristin Wason of Boston Medical Center
and Vanessa L. Ryan of South End Community Health Center



Interdisciplinary Leaders in
Substance Use Education,
Research, Care and Policy



Office Based Addiction Treatment
Training and Technical Assistance

Register on Eventbrite Today!
CE's will be available for nurses for both events.



Marshall Health to host Trick or Treat event in Teays Valley

Marshall Health will sponsor "Boo at the Zoo," a safe trick or treat event from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24, at Marshall Health-Teays Valley.

The event will include games, giveaways, candy and healthy snacks (including alternatives for children with food allergies).

Organizers say that the event will offer local children a safe event and an opportunity to see their doctors and nurses in a fun environment.



Adjunct Faculty & Staff Exhibition

September 30 - November 8, 2019

The School of Art & Design presents an exhibition of artwork made by its adjunct faculty members and staff. This exhibition brings together the work of nine artists: Amanda Abbott, Allison Broome, Erika Lawon, Staci Leech, Rhoda Lowinger, Melissa McCloud, Allora McCullough, Jamie Platt, and Cassidy Sullivan.

Birke Art Gallery inside Smith Hall

Gallery Hours: Monday - Friday, 10:00am - 4:00pm

Reception: October 24, 5:00pm - 6:30pm



FOOD DAY
100 Mile Meal

Oct. 24, 4-8 p.m. Harless Dining Hall

Sponsored by the Student Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, The Wild Ramp, Sodexo and the MU Food Pantry.

FREE for Students with Meal Plan // \$10.61 for MU Community



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The parade will begin at 6:30 pm on 4th Avenue at 10th Street and travel east to Hal Greer Boulevard where it will move up to Fifth Avenue and continue east to 17th Street at Harless Dining Hall.

The Bonfire and Pep Rally will take place on Harless field immediately following the parade.

#HerdHomecoming

HOMECOMING PARADE & BONFIRE

Thursday October 24 6:30 pm





www.marshall.edu/homecoming



Cabell-Huntington Hospital
HMG
Mountain Health Network
ST MARY'S MEDICAL CENTER
Children's



BIG RED MACHINE

8 PM

Thursday, Oct. 24th

**at the
Keith-Albee Theatre**

STUDENT TICKETS
ON SALE NOW!

JOAN C. EDWARDS BOX OFFICE
12PM - 4PM | MONDAY - FRIDAY

STUDENTS: FULL TIME: 1 FREE TICKET
PART TIME: 1 HALF PRICE TICKET

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AN EVENING WITH
**JOHNNY
BENCH**



Presenting:
The Vowels of Success
Q & A to Follow

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Dr. Jeremy Fuller
Morgan & Ellie Hood
Brian & Brittany Ferguson

Dr. Paul Ferguson
Ben & Aly McGinnis
Dr. Joseph Assaley

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*FREE lunch,
performances, and
entertainment for
all students, faculty,
and alumni*

PICNIC ON THE PLAZA

Friday, Oct. 25 • 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Memorial Student Center Plaza

Marshall University Alumni Association • www.herdalum.com



GOVERNING HUMAN GENOME EDITING IN THE REAL WORLD: A PUBLIC OR PROFESSIONAL CHALLENGE?



JOHN M. CONLEY, JD, PHD
OCT. 25 | NOON | DRINKO LIBRARY, ROOM 402

Dr. Conley will discuss governance efforts related to the emerging genome editing technologies, exploring “hard law” regulatory approaches, both national and international, versus “soft” self-regulatory approaches that are based in traditional notions of scientific professionalism.

Light lunch will be served.
All are welcome.

Sponsored by the Department of Sociology & Anthropology and Biomedical Sciences.





Ceremonial Turning of the Earth

Please join the Marshall University family for a tree planting ceremony in memory of
Drs. Paige Muellerleile and Jeffrey Kovatch.

4 p.m., Friday, Oct. 25

Grassy area between Harris Hall and the Science Building

www.marshall.edu





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Register at TriStateRacer.com

STAMPEDE 5K

Saturday, Oct. 26

Begins at 8:00 a.m. Registration at Memorial Fountain
Register early to receive a discounted rate and free shirt

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Open to all students, faculty and alumni.







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Great music,
special guests, food and
games for the entire
#MarshallUFamily

ALUMNI TAILGATE Saturday, Oct. 26
Harless Field (5th Ave beside Harless Dining Hall) **11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**
Marshall University's biggest Homecoming Tailgate!
\$10 per person

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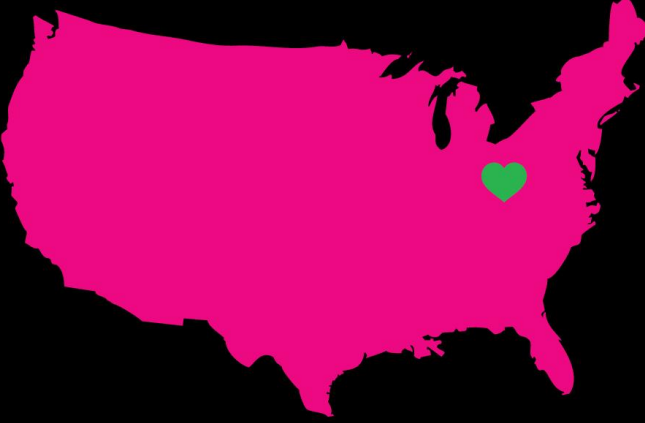
T H E H E R D A T H L E T I C S

 **FOOTBALL**
10/26 AT 2:30PM

 **MEN'S BASKETBALL**
10/29 AT 6PM

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**Hotspots now
available for check-out.**

A new, trial program makes it possible for students and faculty to check-out a mobile hotspot device to access internet at no charge anywhere covered by the T-Mobile network.

Hotspots are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis for short-term checkouts until the end of the Fall term.

To check-out a hotspot or for questions, contact the IT Service Desk: 304-696-3200
www.marshall.edu/it



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SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING

FREE 1 HOUR TRAINING

Learn more about helping someone
who may be suicidal.

OCT. 28 4-5 PM

**DRINKO LIBRARY
ROOM 402**

Sponsored by the College of Health Professions, MU-SPEAC
www.marshall.edu



Marshall Health to host social enterprise forum for entrepreneurs

A model that connects the social mission of an organization with a market-driven approach to business has proved successful for organizations like Goodwill, Coalfield Development and Café Appalachia.

On Tuesday, Oct. 29, from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Ramada Limited at 3094 16th Street Road in Huntington, Marshall Health's [Creating Opportunities for Recovery Employment](#) (CORE) initiative will lead an open training session on social enterprise for the general public and local entrepreneurs to learn more about the process.

During the event, the North Carolina-based nonprofit Triangle Residential Options for Substance Abusers (TROSA) will share insights and best practices in creating business startups focused on community impact and underserved populations. As part of its treatment and recovery model, TROSA leads four social enterprise businesses.

“Workforce development is an important part of addiction recovery and essential to the success of our communities,” said Ashley Shaw, CORE program director. “The exploration of social innovation and business allow our communities to really address critical health and social challenges at a grassroots level that could open the door to new economic opportunities throughout the region.”

The event is free and open to the public. To register, please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/social-enterprise-forum-registration-74147947507>. For more information, contact Shaw at 304-691-1995 or shawa@marshall.edu.





FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR AWARD **FOR FACULTY**

Dr. Karoly Jokay, Executive Director of the Fulbright Commission in Hungary, will help faculty apply for Fulbright teaching and research awards.

Faculty Invited

**OCTOBER 30, 3 P.M.
SMITH HALL 514**

For more information contact the Honors College, Mallory.Carpenter@marshall.edu
www.marshall.edu



FAFSA FILING EVENT *near you!*

**2020-2021
FAFSA FAIR**

**OCTOBER 30, 2019
1:00-6:30PM
Drinko 138**

WHAT TO BRING:

- **FSA ID** for yourself and, if dependent, your parent (create FSA ID at fsaid.ed.gov)
- **Social Security Numbers**
- **Federal tax information** including 2018 tax returns
- **2018 W-2's**
- **2018 untaxed income**

Questions?

Contact Student Financial Aid at (304) 696-3162
or sfa@marshall.edu

*Open to prospective students of any college/university,
current students, and the community at large.*

More information available at www.marshall.edu/sfa/fafsa-fair.

www.marshall.edu/SFA



Marshall Rec Center to host Halloween event Oct. 30



The Marshall Recreation Center will host a Halloween-themed event called “Haunted Rec” from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 30, at the Recreation Center located at 402 Thundering Herd Drive on the Huntington campus.

This event will provide a safe place for children in the community to come and trick-or-treat in the style of a trunk-or-treat as well as a haunted obstacle course, creepy climbing at the Rock Wall, kid Zumba with Thriller, a small bouncy house and a prize for the costume contest. Marshall student organizations will be set up around the gym courts to pass out candy.

The event is free and open for the community to participate. Children are encouraged to come dressed in their Halloween costumes. This event will include representatives from Marshall Housing and Residence Life, since the trick-or-treat typically scheduled in the residence halls will now be included into the Haunted Rec activities.

For more information about the “Haunted Rec” event, contact Kayla Dodd, assistant director, marketing and membership by phone at 304-696-3633 or by e-mail at dodd18@marshall.edu. For more information on the Marshall Recreation Center visit www.marshall.edu/campusrec.

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MU TROMBONE ENSEMBLE CONCERT

**WEDNESDAY
OCT. 30, 2019**
Smith Music Hall • 7:30 p.m.
EVENT IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

Call the School of Music at 304-696-3117 for more information.
www.marshall.edu



Music Alive

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WED., OCT 30 | 4:00 PM
WOODLANDS RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

THUR., OCT 31 | 12:00 PM
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



BRANDENBURG GATE - A Baroque Concert CHRISTOPHER HAINSWORTH

Harpsichord - Organist « titulaire »
of Bezers Cathedral, France

In collaboration with

Wendell Dobbs, flute

Elizabeth Reed Smith, violin

Kristen Alves, violin

Ian Jessee, viola

Şölen Dikener, cello

Connor Barebo, double bass

Music by J.S. Bach, G.P. Telemann, N. Matteis

Events are free and open to public

Sponsored by MU School of Music,
First Presbyterian Church & Woodlands Chamber Series



THE **POLITICAL** AND **DIPLOMATIC HISTORY** OF **MODERN**

JAPAN

WITH **DR. KAORU IOKIBE**

Dr. Iokibe is a professor at the Graduate School for Law and Politics, University of Tokyo.
His research comprises the political and diplomatic history of modern Japan.

THURSDAY, OCT. 31 | 2:00 – 3:15 P.M. | DRINKO LIBRARY, ROOM 402

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Sponsored by the Department of Modern Languages and the College of Liberal Arts.
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Rec Center to offer Fall Kids' Camp Nov. 25-27



The Marshall Rec Center will be hosting a Fall Kids' Camp from Monday, Nov. 25, through Wednesday, Nov. 27th from 9 a.m. 4 p.m. Healthy Herd Youth Camp is an active day camp, full of games, activities, climbing and swimming. Specific activities vary on a day-to-day basis. Our camp counselors

have the energy to match the campers, and act as mentors and coaches to provide a safe environment for campers to grow. ***All youth camps are for children ages 4-12; no exceptions.*** Campers must bring a lunch; a snack is provided.

Early-bird registration is open through Nov. 1 and the rates are as follows: Members- \$60 and Non-Members- \$75. Standard registration rates apply Nov. 2 through the beginning of the fall camp and the rates are as follows: Members- \$75 and Non-Members- \$90. Before- and after-care options are available and are free to Members and \$10 for Non-Members.

Registration can be completed online at marshall.edu/campusrec or in person at the Rec's Pro Shop.



WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES PRESENTS

*"Polygamy, Feminism, and
Divine Advocacy in the Mormon
Women's Suffrage Movement."*

WITH DR. JULIE SNYDER-YULY

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, MARSHALL UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION

Friday, Nov. 1 | 3:30 pm
Drinko Library, Room 402

Free and open to the public.

Sponsored by the Women's and Gender Studies Program
in the College of Liberal Arts



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Guest Artist and Faculty Collaboration Series

FEATURING

Guest pianist **SPENCER MYER**,
honored as a Joan C. Edwards Distinguished Professor at Marshall
& pianist **JOHAN BOTES** of the Marshall University faculty



Johan Botes

The two musicians will perform Four Hands and
Two-Piano Music by Schubert, Fauré, Lutoslawski,
Bernstein and Gershwin/Grainger.

Funded in part by the Joan C. Edwards Distinguished Professors in the Arts Endowment
with support from the College of Arts and Media, Marshall University.

Event is free and open to the public.

SUNDAY, NOV. 3
3:00 p.m. • Smith Recital Hall

Sponsored by the School of Music and the College of Arts and Media.



Four faculty members receive grants from West Virginia Humanities Council

Four Marshall faculty members have received 2019 fellowships from the West Virginia Humanities Council. Dr. Laura Michele Diener, Dr. Zelideth Rivas, Dr. Vicki Stroeher and Dr. Michael Woods have received the fellowships for their work reflecting the humanities. Following are their descriptions of their projects.

Dr. Laura Michele Diener, associate professor of history “Seeress of the the North: A Biography of Sigrid Undset”

I am writing a biography of the Nobel-Prize winning author, Sigrid Undset (1882-1949) that situates her firmly within major intellectual and political currents of the twentieth century. Undset is most famous for Kristen Lavransdatter, a trilogy that magnificently depicts life in medieval Norway. Sigrid Undset’s life is ultimately just as fascinating as her most famous novels. In addition to her literary contributions, she was a historically significant actor in momentous events of the twentieth century. After the success of her early novels, she became an outspoken advocate in Norway for women’s suffrage and sexual freedom. And beginning in the 1920s, international audiences sought her commentaries on the unfolding of world events, including the spread of totalitarianism, and the future of postwar Europe. In terms of her significance as both a creative, visionary, and humanitarian force, she is comparable today to Margaret Atwood.

Dr. Zelideth Rivas, associate professor of modern languages “Hawai’i as Haven: Healing Peruvian Double Displacement”

As an outlier U.S. state, Hawai’i is not always included in narratives of U.S. racialization projects, but instead is typically used as an exception. How does Hawai’i’s positionality as a diverse Pacific island, removed from the U.S. mainland provide a haven for those Asian Latin Americans that have been doubly displaced? Can we consider Hawai’i a “plurinational state” that allows for inter-Asian convergences? Lastly, what can Hawai’i offer Asian Latin Americans who have possessed an “immigrant consciousness,” always feeling that they are a “perpetual foreigner”? I argue that pluralistic identities challenge Peru’s racial projects, causing them to reject Peru as “home” and, ultimately, finding “home” in Hawai’i.

Dr. Vicki Stroeher, professor of music history
“Benjamin Britten and the Art of Song”

Benjamin Britten and the Art of Song is a book-length study of 20th-century English composer Benjamin Britten’s songs and song cycles using an intersection of narratology and semiotics from literary theory alongside traditional methods found in music analysis. These works can be understood as “composed readings” in which the composer’s compositional and textual choices reflect his stance regarding the human condition. Incorporating published scores, compositional drafts and discarded materials, letters, and press cuttings, Stroeher positions Britten in broader discourses about identity and 20th-century thought, expanding our knowledge about the role of Britten’s songs in articulating pre- and post-World War II British cultural values. (For the WV Humanities Fellowship, I am writing 2-3 chapters for the above.)

Dr. Michael Woods, associate professor of history
“The Business of Bigotry: John Van Evrie and Rise of a Racist Publishing Empire”

This project focuses on John Van Evrie, a New York physician and editor who printed some of the Civil War era’s most repulsive racist texts. Known for propagating the term “white supremacy,” Van Evrie capitalized on new communication and publishing technology to profit from popularizing the era’s burgeoning racist pseudoscience. I analyze Van Evrie’s networking, advertising, and writing strategies to explain how he transformed a struggling newspaper into a powerful publishing company. At a time when racism is festering within new media forms, I hope to reach a non-specialist audience with this disturbingly relevant study.

Marshall neurology resident earns prestigious epilepsy mini-fellowship



Dipali Nemade, M.D., M.Ph., a third-year neurology resident physician at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, was selected for the J. Kiffin Penry Residents Epilepsy Program.

Nemade was one of 35 residents throughout the United States selected for the epilepsy mini-fellowship. The three-day intensive Residents Epilepsy Program is presented by distinguished guest speakers from around the

country, along with the [faculty and staff](#) of the Comprehensive Epilepsy Center of the Wake Forest School of Medicine.

“I was honored to be selected for this prestigious program,” Nemade said. “It was a very intensive but fun epilepsy learning program. To be taught by the leading epileptologists in the country is such a privilege.”

The Epilepsy MiniFellowship Program is a comprehensive course in the diagnosis and management of seizures, current advances in epilepsy including new diagnostic methods, treatment options, and management of epilepsy in special populations. Mini-Fellows attend and give case presentations and advance their knowledge of epilepsy through lecture sessions, case workshops, and peer group discussion. During the program, Nemade presented a case on EEG findings of Creutzfeldt–Jakob disease.

“We were ecstatic to hear that Dr. Nemade was the first-ever Marshall resident to be accepted to the Penry Epilepsy Mini-Fellowship,” said Justin M. Nolte, M.D., an associate professor in the department of neurology and the program’s residency director. “There is a great deal of competition to be part of this opportunity and Dipali’s participation is a testament to her clinical and scholarly successes.”

After completing her neurology residency at Marshall in June 2021, Nemade is interested in pursuing a full fellowship in epilepsy.

Pittman named 2019 Counselor of the Year



Tiffany Pittman, L.P.C., A.A.D.C., has been named the 2019 Counselor of the Year by the West Virginia Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors.

Pittman, who serves as the school mental health coordinator for the School Health Technical Assistance Center at the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, was recognized for her commitment and dedication

to the profession and treatment of individuals and families dealing with substance use disorders.

“Tiffany is always a great source of information for any questions relating to services for youth,” said Richard Crespo, Ph.D., professor and principal investigator with the department of family and community health at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. “She is truly an amazing counselor and so deserving of this honor.”

For more than 20 years, Pittman has provided counseling services as well as program development and technical assistance to school-based mental health centers. Pittman was recognized during the West Virginia Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors annual conference last month in Morgantown, West Virginia.

Christofero, Howard present MU ACCESS project at Women in Technology conference



Dr. Tracy Christofero, professor of applied science and technology in the College of Information Technology and Engineering and Dr. Lori Howard, associate professor of special education in the College of Education and Professional Development, presented the MU ACCESS project at the 2019 Grace Hopper Celebration of Women in Technology Conference in Orlando, Florida, earlier this month. GHC, in partnership with ACM, is the world's largest gathering of female technologists with an estimated 26,000 attendees this year.

As the 2019 Hedrick Team Award winners for Teaching Innovation,

The **Marshall University Accessibility Curricula Collaboration** fostering **Employable Student Skills** (MU ACCESS) project helps Marshall students obtain the knowledge and skills needed to provide technology accessibility for all people, including those with disabilities, to become more employable.

Industry leaders like Adobe, Amazon, Facebook, IBM, Google, Microsoft, Netflix and Verizon Media are actively recruiting people who can create products everyone can use, but they cannot find appropriately trained talent due to a significant skills gap (Teach Access, 2019). The Partnership on Employment and Accessible Technology (PEAT, 2018) found that 63% of companies surveyed said they do not have sufficient accessibility technology skills in their organization or candidates interviewed, and 93% said demand for accessibility skills will increase in the future.

To obtain the skills required to fulfill these employment needs in the industry, the MU ACCESS team consisting of three faculty members (Tracy Christofero, Lori Howard and Ralph McKinney) from three different colleges (CITE, COEPD and the Honors College, and COB, respectively) are committed to incorporating the teaching of accessibility to their students. The faculty use a project-based curriculum with SMART Device lab kits and the student occupied real-world lab of a SMART Dorm room to encourage and excite Marshall students about potential opportunities for creative and innovative problem-solving through real-world connections.

Institutions of higher education, including Marshall University, are becoming more accessible for students with disabilities in compliance with the American with Disabilities Act. For example, in the summer of 2018, Marshall University Online Learning Instructional Designers added Blackboard Ally to online courses to facilitate the creation of accessible content. Faculty continue to be encouraged to use closed captioning for videos, create accessible alternative formats for documents, and to assist all of our learners by having accessible technology to succeed in higher education. While those efforts have promoted more inclusion of students with disabilities on campus, the MU ACCESS collaborative project is designed to foster technology accessibility skills specifically for the future of our students in the workplace. Current students will be the future employees who will create new technologies and work in a more accessible environment.

To create some of these learning and skill-building opportunities, there are three major components to this project:

1. SMART Dorm – This dorm room serves as a real-world lab equipped with low-cost devices, e.g., Amazon Alexa, touchless faucets, voice-activated microwave and trash can, a Smart TV/Monitor, light switches, doors, etc. The student with a disability residing in the room hosts scheduled class field trips and provides an overview of how these devices help make the room more accessible for him/her.
2. SMART Devices – These device kits provide groups of students the ability to check out a kit that includes an Amazon Alexa, device controllers, and Little Bits base programming, gadgets and room control kits, etc. while they are working on a problem-based learning project to create innovative approaches to overcoming accessibility barriers.
3. Accessibility Awareness Curriculum – The curriculum uses foundational material developed by an accessibility certified instructor and the core competencies curriculum from the Teach Access consortium. Since the promotion of accessibility requires a sensitivity to the needs of people with disabilities, a reflections exercise is incorporated in all courses to have students self-evaluate their changing perspective about the concept of disability.

Appropriately, yet unplanned, Howard was unable to physically attend the Orlando conference because she was not cleared to fly by her physician. Through the use of accessible technology, i.e., Blackboard Collaborate, she was able to present at the conference using technology to overcome accessibility constraints.

Check out the MU ACCESS Website for additional information about the project at www.marshall.edu/mu-access.

Zatar named West Virginia Outstanding Civil Engineering Educator of the Year



Dr. Wael Zatar, J.H. Fletcher Professor and dean of the College of Information Technology and Engineering, has been named the 2019 West Virginia Outstanding Civil Engineering Educator of the Year by the West Virginia Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

The award recognizes a distinguished civil engineering educator who is a tenured faculty member in a West Virginia engineering school, a resident of the state, and a member who has demonstrated outstanding service to the civil engineering profession and the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE).

Fewer than a handful of professors have received this highest-level civil engineering educator award in West Virginia. Zatar had earlier received the West Virginia Outstanding Civil Engineering Educator of the Year award in 2015 and is the only civil engineering educator in the state of West Virginia to receive the award twice.

Zatar was nominated by David Meadows, P.E., chief technical officer and corporate safety officer of Triad Engineering Inc. and a member of the West Virginia Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Zatar served as a past president of the West Virginia Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers and has earlier been the vice president of the same professional organization.

“I am very honored and humbled to be named the recipient of the West Virginia American Society of Civil Engineers Outstanding Civil Engineering Educator of the Year award for the second time,” Zatar said. “I am also very

grateful to Mr. David Meadows for his kind nomination and unconditional support.”

Zatar has served in a variety of roles – as a faculty member at all ranks and a seasoned administrator who has exhibited a great passion to educate and graduate civil engineering students. He led the creation of Marshall University’s engineering facilities and established a first-class academic environment to educate many civil engineering students for many years to come. Many of his students have graduated and become licensed professionals with the main goal of protecting the health, safety and welfare of the people in the state of west Virginia and beyond.

Previously employed at the University of Kentucky, Zatar has been at Marshall for the past 13 years. He has 30 years of combined research, teaching, administration, and experience in the field of civil engineering, pre-stressed concrete structures, seismic design and retrofit of bridge structures, which gained him national and international acclaim and awards. Zatar has also been recognized by the American Society of Civil Engineers, Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute, American Concrete Institute, Japan Society of Civil Engineers, Japan Society for the Promotion of Sciences and Transportation Research Board.

Zatar serves as the director of the Appalachian Transportation Institute and director of the Brickstreet Center for Engineering and Safety at Marshall University. He earlier served as director for the Multi-Modal Transportation and Infrastructure Consortium, Marshall University’s Transportation Center, Innovations and Asset Management of Sustainable Transportation Infrastructure Systems program. He has also served as associate director of the Mid-Atlantic Transportation Sustainability Center.

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Reception with light refreshments to follow in the Birke Art Gallery Atrium (open 6-9 p.m.).

Dr. Thomas is keynote speaker for the 2019 Meeting of the Appalachian American Association of Physics Teachers, Nov. 7-9, 2019.

Contact Dr. Maria Hamilton (babiuc@marshall.edu)
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